(a) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand lags behind other States in terms of number of schools, technical, medical and architectural colleges;

(b) whether the Central Government has provided any special assistance to Jharkhand for improving this situation;

(c) if so, how much; and

(d) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Jharkhand has many districts declared as educationally backward.

School Education

Under Sarva Shiksha Abhian Programme (SSA), funds are released to States and UTs in accordance with the approved financial sharing pattern between the Centre and States, as per Annual Work Plan and Budgets (AWP&B), approved by SSA's Project Approval Board (PAB) every year. Till 2008-09, Jharkhand has been sanctioned 17842 Primary Schools Buildings, 8175 Upper Primary Schools Buildings, 31150 additional classrooms and 93166 teachers. Out of 24 Districts in Jharkhand, 22 Districts have been covered under Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas.

Higher Education

Colleges located in these areas receive special assistance from the University Grants Commission (UGC). In addition, there is a UGC scheme of special assistance for the colleges located in tribal/rural/border/ hilly areas and the colleges of Jharkhand are also covered under this scheme. With a view to increase access to quality higher education in the State of Jharkhand, the Central Government has established 'Central University of Jharkhand' under the Central Universities Act, 2009. The estimated financial requirement of the University during the Eleventh plan period has been projected at Rs. 240 crore.

Technical Education

One Indian Institute of Management (IIM) is proposed to be set up at Ranchi (Jharkhand) and 17 polytechnics will be set up in unserved and underserved area of Jharkhand.

Central University in Rajasthan

†1890. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the announcement for a World-Class University at Ajmer and a Central University at Bikaner in Rajasthan was made long time back;

(b) if so, the present status of these proposals; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government is going to consider Jaipur situated Rajasthan University's demand to grant it the status of Central University because it has all required facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Central University of Rajasthan has already been established by the Central Universities Act, 2009. The Government of Rajasthan is to provide, free of cost, about 500 acres of land for this University. The location of the University will, therefore, depend on the various sites as may be offered by the State Government, and would be notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette. The State Government is yet to offer a site for the University. As regards establishment of a University aiming at World Class standards in the State, Jaipur has been identified as the location for this University. The Government is in the process of finalizing the Concept Note of such University.

(c) The scheme of establishing new Central Universities during Eleventh Plan envisages setting up of one University in each such State which did not have any Central University. As a new Central University has already been established in Rajasthan, the question of converting any State University into a Central University does not arise.

Higher Education Centres

1891. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of IITs, Engineering Colleges, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education separately in the country, State-wise in March, 2005 and March, 2009 respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): The state-wise details of the number of IITs, Engineering Colleges, Polytechnics for the year March, 2005 and March, 2009 is as follows:-

States/UTs	Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)		Engineering Colleges		Polytechnic	
	2005	2009	2005	2009	2005	2009
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Madhya Pradesh	0	1	63	161	49	55
Chhattisgarh	0	0	14	41	10	16
Gujarat	0	1	38	55	43	68
Mizoram	0	0	1	1	3	4
Sikkim	0	0	1	1	2	2
Orissa	0	1	40	68	33	43